



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: MAX

Application No.: 10/19,691

Filed in the U.S.: January 3, 2002

Group: (Unknown)

Title: CONTROLLED COOLING OF  
INPUT WATER BY DISSOCIATION OF  
HYDRATE IN AN ARTIFICIALLY  
PRESSURIZED ASSISTED  
DESALINATION FRACTIONATION  
APPARATUS

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RESPONSE TO  
NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

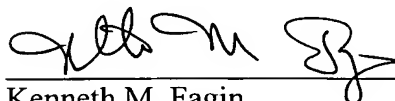
Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed May 7, 2002 (copy enclosed) in the patent Application identified above, attached is a copy of the Completion of filing National Phase of PCT Application dated February 11, 2002. Also attached is a copy of the Declaration filed therewith, and a copy of the Patent Office date-stamped receipt evidencing the filing on February 11, 2002 of the Completion, the Declaration, and the requisite fees including the \$65.

Should there be any issues remaining in this matter, the Patent Office is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
10/019,691	Michael David Max	P 283222

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination
- Small Entity Statement

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$65 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

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Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

CHRISTINE S WASHINGTON

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## PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
10/019,691	PCT/US01/19920	P 283222

FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)

# RECEIPT FROM PTO FOR INDICATED ITEMS

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 Use 2 postcards for all New Applns. (cont/Div/CIP, too)  
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Appln. No: 10/019,691	Atty: Kenneth M. Fagin/Goumis 4052B
First Inventor: MAX	Date: February 11, 2002
CONTROLLED COOLING OF INPUT WATER BY DISSOCIATION OF HYDRATE IN AN ARTIFICIALLY PRESSURIZED ASSISTED DESALINATION FRACTIONATION APPARATUS	Matter No: 283222
	Client No: 18984

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## ENCLOSED:

- ☐ Response/Amendment ☐ Appendix ☐ Cover Sheet ☐ Cited/Listed Documents
- ☐ Completion Request for R 53(f)/PCT Nat.

- # No. of Pages Abstract
- # No. of Pages Spec and Claims
- # No. of Numbered Claims Only
- # No. of Sheets of Drawings (Figs )



- ☐ 1 Set Formal ☐ 1 Set Informal ☐ Cover Letter

- ☒ Declaration 2 # of pages
- ☒ Assignment ☒ Cover Sheet

- ☐ Small Entity Declaration
- ☐ Extension Petition (PAT-111)

- #  No. of Priority Documents

- ☐ IDS Letter ☐ Cited Appln(s) ☐ Foreign Sch Rep/OA
- ☐ PTO-1449 ☐ Cited Documents
- ☐ Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b) + (c)

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OTHER:

Completion of Filing National Phase of PCT Application;  
 Submission of Security Agreement and first Amendment thereto for Recordation; and  
 Cover Sheet therefor

Current DUE DATE: NONE

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11. ☒ Attached: Security Agreement and first Amendment thereto with Cover Sheet
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:
13. ☒ Basic U.S. National fee per Rule 492(a)(1)-(4) was previously timely filed.: **COPY**
14. **Calculation of remaining fees due (if any):** based on amended claim(s) per above item
- ☐ 12 (above) or item(s) in PAT-112 (filed previously) ☐ 12 ☐ 14 ☐ 17 ☐ 25
15. **CLAIMS FEES** ☐ previously paid ☐ paid herewith as follows:
- 15A. Small Entity Statement ☐ Herewith ☐ Previously Filed

				Large/Small Entity		Fee Code
16. Total Effective Claims	15	minus 20 =	0	x \$18/\$9	+0	966/967
17. Independent Claims	2	minus 3 =	0	x \$84/\$42	+0	964/965
18. If <u>any proper</u> multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present,				\$280/\$140	+0	968/969
19. Filing Declaration late, fee paid <input type="checkbox"/> previously <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> now				\$130/\$65	+65	154/254
20. <b>SUBTOTAL</b>					<b>\$65</b>	
21. <b>Original due date:</b>						
22. Petition is hereby made to extend the <u>original</u> due date to				(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =	+0
cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee				(2mos)	\$400/\$200 =	
is attached				(3mos)	\$920/\$460 =	
				(4mos)	\$1,440/\$720 =	
23. If "non-English" box 3 is X'd, add Rule 17(k) processing fee . . . . .				\$130	+0	156
24. If "assignment" box 6 is X'd, add recording fee. . . . .				\$40	+80	581
25. <b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =</b>					<b>\$145</b>	

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(Our Order No. 018984 | 0283222)

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed.

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**NOTE: File in duplicate with PTO receipt (PAT-103A) and attachments**

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DECLARATIONS

RULE 63 (37 C.F.R. 1.63)  
DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FORM

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the INVENTION ENTITLED CONTROLLED COOLING OF INPUT WATER BY DISSOCIATION OF HYDRATE IN AN ARTIFICIALLY PRESSURIZED ASSISTED DESALINATION APPARATUS

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the specification of which (CHECK applicable BOX(ES))  
X A. ☐ is attached hereto.  
BOX(ES) → B. ☒ was filed on January 3, 2002 as U.S. Application No. 10/019,691  
→ C. ☒ was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/US01/19920 on June 25, 2001  
and (if applicable to U.S. or PCT application) was amended on January 3, 2002

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56. Except as noted below, I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one other country than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International Application, filed by me or my assignee disclosing the subject matter claimed in this application and having a filing date (1) before that of the application on which priority is claimed, or (2) if no priority claimed, before the filing date of this application:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) Number	Country	Day/MONTH/Year Filed	Date first Laid- open or Published	Date Patented or Granted	Priority NOT Claimed
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If more prior foreign applications, X box at bottom and continue on attached page.

Except as noted below, I hereby claim domestic priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) or 120 and/or 365(c) of the indicated United States applications listed below and PCT international applications listed above or below and, if this is a continuation-in-part (CIP) application, insofar as the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application is in addition to that disclosed in such prior applications, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of each such prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL, NONPROVISIONAL AND/OR PCT APPLICATION(S) Application No. (series code/serial no.)	Day/MONTH/Year Filed	Status pending, abandoned, patented	Priority NOT Claimed
60/214,262	26/JUNE/2000		
PCT/US01/19920	25/JUNE/2001		

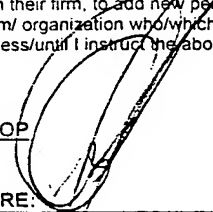
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And I hereby appoint Pillsbury Winthrop LLP, Intellectual Property Group, telephone number (703) 905-2000 (to whom all communications are to be directed), and persons of that firm who are associated with USPTO Customer No. 909 (see below label) individually and collectively my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent, and I hereby authorize them to delete from that Customer No. names of persons no longer with their firm, to add new persons of their firm to that Customer No., and to act and rely on instructions from and communicate directly with the person/assignee/attorney/firm/ organization who/which first sends/sent this case to them and by whom/which I hereby declare that I have consented after full disclosure to be represented unless/until I instruct the above Firm and/or an attorney of that Firm in writing to the contrary.

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- ☐ FOR ADDITIONAL INVENTORS see attached page.  
☐ See additional foreign priorities on attached page (incorporated herein by reference).

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**Rule 56(a) & (b) = 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) & (b)**  
**PATENT AND TRADEMARK CASES - RULES OF PRACTICE**  
**DUTY OF DISCLOSURE**

- (a) ... Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the [Patent and Trademark] Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability... (b) information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative and (1) It also establishes by itself, or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim or (2) refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in: (i) Opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or (ii) Asserting an argument of patentability

**PATENT LAWS 35 U.S.C.**

**§102. Conditions for patentability; novelty and loss of right to patent**

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless--

- (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent or
- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of the application for patent in the United States, or
- (c) he has abandoned the invention, or
- (d) the invention was first patented or caused to be patented, or was the subject of an inventor's certificate, by the applicant or his legal representatives or assigns in a foreign country prior to the date of the application for patent in this country on an application for patent or inventor's certificate filed more than twelve months\* before the filing of the application in the United States, or
- (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or
- (f) he did not himself invent the subject matter sought to be patented, or
- (g) before the applicant's invention thereof the invention was made in this country by another who had not abandoned, suppressed, or concealed it. In determining priority of invention there shall be considered not only the respective dates of conception and reduction to practice of the invention, but also the reasonable diligence of one who was first to conceive and last to reduce to practice, from a time prior to conception by the other.

**§103. Condition for patentability; non-obvious subject matter**

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made. . . .
- (c) Subject matter developed by another person, which qualified as prior art only under subsection (f) or (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

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\* Six months for Design Applications (35 U.S.C. 172).